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BIRTH.
On the 10th January, 1901, at A. 1339, Broadwater, Shanghai, the wife of RICHARD J. GOULD, late of Kiukiang, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 15th January, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Good, Chaplain of H.M.S. *Tamar*, G. J. P. Geiger, Esq., Royal Welsh Fusiliers, to MARY, eldest daughter of Commodore and Mrs. POWELL. [228]

On the 31st December, 1900, at H.M.S. *Tamar*, before H. E. Fulford, Esq., C.M.G., and afterwards at St. Nicholas's Church, Newchwang, by the Rev. A. B. Turner, M.A., ARTHUR BULKELEY LIFELAND VAN ESS, of Messrs. Bush Brothers & LILLIE, only daughter of Charles FAIRMER.

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HONGKONG, January 16th, 1901

The news which is now to hand from North China appears to be of a satisfactory nature. Our London correspondent informs us that the announcement has been telegraphed from Peking that the agreement between the Powers and China has been signed at last. If this news comes, as is probable, from the *Times* correspondent at the Chinese capital, we may take it that the last obstacles to the acceptance of the Powers' demands have been overcome, and that the Imperial signature has been appended to the document. We were prepared for this by the intelligence that the loyal Viceroys had withdrawn their objections—for this is practically what we learnt from Shanghai at the beginning of the week. In Chinese affairs we are so accustomed to disappointment that it may seem venturesome to say that an important step toward the final settlement has been taken; but nevertheless, if it is a fact that a full and definite acceptance of the Allies' terms has been given by China, guaranteed by the imposition of the Imperial Seal, we may be justified in looking for the entrance of negotiations on the second stage, which, though it must necessarily prove long and tedious, is only a matter of arranging details. The offer of Prince Su, the Emperor's brother, to go to Berlin to convey China's apologies and regrets for the gross outrage against the sanctity of ambassadors which was committed in the murder of the unfortunate Baron von Ketteler, may prove the readiest solution of the first demand of the Allies. Other demands will be as easy to meet, but those relating to the future protection of the envoys to Chinese capital, and still more those which deal with the amelioration of the conditions of trade with China, promise to be matters of extreme

difficulty, involving the greatest patience, combined with absolute firmness, on the part of the representatives of the Powers.

It seems probable that Lt. HUNG-CHANG will have to be superseded by some other commissioner to be designated by the Emperor, for he is seriously ill, even if not on the point of death, as some accounts report. As for the representatives of the Powers, in more than one country has anxiety been expressed lest they should not adequately support the policy which is the wish of those whom they represent. Of Sir ERNEST SAROW, among others, considerable fear is felt that he will continue in the old way of British Ministers at Peking by not paying the attention to British commercial interests which their magnitude demands. But the main responsibility rests with the Foreign Office, from which the British Minister is directed, and the pressure on this body must therefore be increased now, if anything is to be done. For this reason the home public must not be allowed to forget.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Market Charitable Fund, £50.

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The U. S. gunboat *Java* arrived on Monday night from Manila.

The newly appointed Taisho to Shanghai, Yuan Hui-kuan, was expected to take over his seals of office on Saturday last.

The China Mutual steamer *Tetuan*, which arrived at Kwai-hai-wei on her way up from Australia, discharging eleven hundred tons of firewood at that port—indirect evidence of the barrenness of the country in the neighbourhood.

A Heian despatch, received by members of the Reform Party here, says the *N.C. Daily News*, states that H.E. Li Hung-chang has suggested to the Court to recall Hsu Shun-pang, Minister to Korea, that he may assist in the peace negotiations now going on in the North, and that the suggestion has been followed.

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The Golf Championship of India was played at Calcutta over the Tollygunge links, and was won by Mr. Stuart Smith, by 7 up and 6 to play.

Latest news from New York state that Lieut. Hobson, of Merrimac fame, is still very ill in a private hospital there.

Steps have been taken to establish a paper manufactory in West Java from raw materials produced in the island, such as rattan, bamboo, &c. Water power will be the motive force.

The death last month of Mr. Adolf Dawe, an old resident of Kobe, is announced. Deceased, who was a native of Hamburg, arrived in Japan in 1881 under contract as rice-miller to the Japanese Rice Milling Co. of Hyogo, and for sixteen years has held that position.

A number of changes in the British consulates at Japan are reported. Mr. Wawn, who is at present in the Consulate at Kobe, has been appointed to Nagasaki, where he takes the place of a First Assistant. Mr. Wawn will be succeeded in Kobe by Mr. E. H. Holmes, of the Yokohama Consulate. Mr. Gordon will be Acting Assistant at Tamsui.

As a sign of the strength of the Russian reinforcements now coming East it is to be noted that the Volunteer Fleet steamer *Vladimir* arrived at Singapore on the 6th inst. from Odessa, en route for Vladivostok with 938 soldiers on board. The *Kiev*, of the same fleet, arrived on the previous afternoon from Nagasaki for Odessa. She had 1,480 soldiers on board.

Another appeal to the Minister of Finance in regard to the duty to be imposed on spirituous liquors is reported from Yokohama, states the *Choko Chronicle*. Messrs. Grosser & Co. are the complainants, and the petition is in respect to 500 casks of what is alleged to be gin, upon which the Yokohama Customs House authorities imposed a duty of 250 per cent. ad valorem instead of 40 per cent. ad valorem, which the importers contend was the proper duty. The decision of the Minister of Finance is similar to that given in the rum case recently reported in these columns. He finds that the samples are decidedly a diluted alcohol.

The island of Celebes, in the Dutch East Indies, has the distinction of being the home of the smallest living representative of the wild cattle, or, indeed, of the wild cattle of any period of the earth's history. Its height at the shoulder is only about 3ft. 3in., whereas that of the great Indian wild ox, or gaur, is at least 6ft. 4in., and, according to some writers, reach as much as 7ft. In fact, the anoa is not much, if at all, larger than a well-grown Southdown sheep. In its young state and during middle life, the anoa is covered with a fairly thick coat of somewhat woolly hair, which is at first yellowish brown, but eventually becomes dark brown, or blackish. In common with other Asiatic buffaloes, the hair is reversed along the middle line of the neck and back as far as the hunches; that is to say, the tips are directed towards the head instead of towards the tail. It passes most of its time in thick forests in the neighbourhood of water.

The following account is given of the late Bishop of London, whose death we announced elsewhere, in *Who's Who*:—London, Bishop of 1897; D.D., D.C.L., Litt. D.; L. Carlisle, 5th July, 1843; e. s. of late Robert Crofton and Sarah, d. of Thomas Mandell, Bolton, Cambridge. Educ.: Durham Grammar School; Morton Coll., Oxford. D.D. Oxon and Camb. Univ.; LL.D. Glasgow; D.C.L. Oxford and Durham; Litt. D. Dublin; LLD. Harvard Univ.; Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and of the American Church History Society; Fellow of the Societas Romana di Storia Patria. Fellow and Tutor of Merton Coll., Oxford, 1867-75; Vicar of Embleton, Northumberland, 1875-84; Rural Dean of Alnwick, 1881-84; Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Cambridge, 1884-91; Canon Residentiary of Worcester Cathedral, 1885-91; Bishop of Peterborough, 1891; Red Lecturer in the University of Cambridge, 1892; Romanes Lecture in the University of Oxford, 1896; representative of the English Church at the coronation of the Emperor of Russia, 1896.

M. François Coppé is well known as a graceful and most accomplished writer, but unfortunately he sometimes writes on political matters, when he only succeeds in making himself ridiculous. Here is an extract from an article by him on Mr. Kruger in the *Aula*:—"Will President Kruger (he asks) obtain justice? Will his voice, calling on the name of God, bring back to its duty the Old World, snuff the enjoyments of civilisation and disgracing but ill its selfishness and cowardice under the great names of peaceful progress and the brotherhood of man? Soon we shall know whether the heads of the nations have decided to drive away the grand old man (*l'aigle vicillard*) and cover themselves with infamy. Whether this last humiliation is deserved or not for Europe, at least we shall see in the course of a few days a spectacle calculated to

nt, together with the two other petty officers. Prisoner—When Froom passed this remark to you, did you look right over the door at once?—No.

Where was the sentry standing at the time you made this remark?—I did not notice the sentry there.

Have you any idea what time this was?—About three, or just after.

In reply to further questions put by the prisoner, the witness said he did not see the Admiral and Lady Bruce leave the cabin to go ashore. He did not see the prisoner come aft to the aft deck.

By the Court.—When he was told the prisoner had been into the Admiral's cabin, he did not think there was anything wrong in it.

Charles G. Denley, leading seaman, H.M.S. *Burleigh*, said he was on duty in the middle watch on the night of 3rd January, when Rice came up to him and said he knew the evidence and did not think much of it.

In reply to the prisoner, witness said—You also said to me—"What do you think of the case?" I and I replied that I know nothing about it. You did not tell me any of the evidence.

Did I lead you in any way to believe that I knew any of the evidence?—Well, I thought it was funny you should know anything about it, as you said you knew it.

Robert Pearn, ordinary seaman, H.M.S. *Burleigh*, said he was on the forecastle on the afternoon of the 3rd January, when the prisoner came to him and said—"If you are sent for, say that you know nothing at all about it. In fact, say you never saw Daly that night." Prisoner then left him to go and tell Daly. After this he had a conversation with Petty Officer Drew, who told him that if he knew anything about it, it would be best to tell the truth. Witness replied that he should clear himself, and he replied that he could clear himself, and he replied that he could clear himself because of what Daly told him.

Prisoner—Did I incite you not to tell the truth at the enquiry if you were called?—Yes.

What was the truth, then, that I told you not to tell?

The Judge Advocate (to the witness)—You need not answer that question if you think it will incriminate you.

Captain Scott (to witness)—If you think you are asked questions which you think will get you into trouble, you need not answer them.

Witness—The truth was that I had seen Daly that night.

Prisoner—Did I lead you to infer I had any knowledge of you and Daly being together on that night?—No.

Then if I happened to tell you to say you had not seen Daly, it must have been mere guess work on my part?—Yes.

Then I did not know it was the truth you had seen Daly?—No.

Did I lead you to believe that I thought that you were implicated with Daly?

Witness and not answer this question.

Prisoner—Did I know it was not the truth when I told you to say that you knew nothing about it?

No answer.

The Court—You said the prisoner went away to tell Daly the same thing? How do you know that?—Rico told me so.

The question was asked "What is Daly?" and the reply was that he was leading seaman and gymnasium instructor.

J. W. Drew, first-class petty officer on board H.M.S. *Burleigh*, said he was on the forecastle on the afternoon of 3rd January talking to an ordinary seaman named Pearn, when Rice came, called Pearn on one side, and told him not to say "going" at all about it, "and that he was going" to give "Tim" the "tip."

Captain Warrender—Did you speak to Pearn after this?—Yes, sir.

State what occurred.—I asked Pearn if Rice had anything to do with the bell, and he said he did not think he had, but he was going aft to tell Daly.

In reply to the prisoner, witness said, he did not hear everything he said to Pearn.

Did you tell Pearn that his name had been brought up in the enquiry?—I told Pearn that I believed his name was connected with it.

Had you any reason to believe that I told Pearn not to say what was the truth?—I had no reason to believe that you told him to say what was not the truth.

It was stated that the man referred to as "Tim" was Daly.

The Court—What distance were you from Pearn when the prisoner spoke to him?—About six feet.

What does "this affair" which has been spoken about mean?—Throwing the bell overboard.

Prisoner—Did you pass any remarks to Pearn concerning what you heard me say?—Yes I said to Pearn, "Rico had better be careful," as he had been rushing about all the afternoon.

Do you know what I was rushing about all the afternoon?—No.

Did you see me speak to anybody that afternoon?—Yes, I saw you talking to the ship's corporal, a man named Mar.

Was that after I had spoken to Pearn?—Yes.

Did you see me speak to anybody else?—Yes.

Say you talking to a man named Speed.

If you only say me speaking to Corporal Mar and Speed, what do you mean by saying that I was rushing about?—You were in amongst the witnesses at the Court of Enquiry.

Did I speak to any of the witnesses?—I could not say.

This closed the case for the prosecution and the Court adjourned to allow of the prisoner getting up his defence.

On the Court re-assembling the witness Froom was recalled. He said that on the morning he was called off the Commander asked him if he saw Rice go into the Admiral's cabin, and he replied "Yes." Upon this Rice turned to him and said, "You did not see me go into the Admiral's cabin; you saw me go into the Admiral's pantry." He said he would not be certain, as he did not know whether the Admiral's pantry was on the starboard side or not.

The Commander told him he had better go down and make sure. He went down the ladder on the starboard side and looked for the Admiral's pantry. He saw the sentry and asked him which side was the Admiral's pantry.

When he told him it was the port side he (witness) turned and pointed to the door that Rice went into on the starboard side. He then went on deck to tell the Commander that he was positive that Rice went into the Admiral's cabin, as until then he did not know where the Admiral's pantry was.

A statement prepared for the defence was then read. In this statement the prisoner denied the charges brought against him, and contended that no satisfactory evidence had been brought forward to prove that he entered the Admiral's cabin while the Court of Enquiry was being held.

Edwin Windsor, coxswain of the Admiral's galley, said he was standing outside the Admiral's cabin with the witnessess of the Court of Enquiry on the day in question when Rice came to him for orders. He replied that he had not given his orders. Rice said the Flag Lieutenant had sent him to look for his servant. After that Rice went into the pantry and that was all he saw of him. Witness was standing outside the port door—between the door and the Judgment was reserved.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 16th January.

BEFORE MR. HAZELAND.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN FINED.

The master of the steamer *Michael Jelsen* was charged with neglecting, on the 13th inst., to cover with a serviceable turpentine a deck load of dangerous goods—viz. kerosene oil—while water-borne on board the vessel.

Lance-Sergeant Burchill deposed that on the 13th inst. he was on duty in No. 6 police pinnace.

The steamship *Michael Jelsen* was at the west end of the harbour, and he proceeded towards her. Steaming right round the ship, he saw on both sides cases of kerosene exposed.

He went on board, and sent for the master. Both then went round the vessel, and witness saw about three hundred cases of kerosene exposed in different parts of the ship. The coopers working the steamer were walking over the exposed cases, and near the cook-house, which was burning, there were fully forty uncovered cases. The vessel was flying a red flag.

The chief officer of the *Michael Jelsen*, called for the defences, stated that on Sunday morning at six o'clock the cases were removed, and at two o'clock the hatches came along side to work the coal. The turpentine was then removed, in order to take off the hatches, and was lying in a bundle on the top. At about three o'clock the cases were put back and covered.

The defendant, who alleged that there was no danger to the ship, was fined \$25.

SUPREME COURT.

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IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR T. SERCOMBE SMITH
(ACTING PUISNE JUDGE.)

W. H. GASKELL v. G. E. STEVENS.

In this case the plaintiff sought to recover \$500, balance of \$1,000, fee for writing up the books of the firm of Messrs. George E. Stevens and Co. during the period of Mr. F. W. Hall's management.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. K. W. Mounsey (Messrs. Monsey and Bruton), the defendant by Mr. J. Hays (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master).

Mr. Mounsey, on the ground that the material issues of the action were raised by the defendant's affidavit, contended that it was for his friend to open the case.

Mr. Hays having replied that the account rendered by Mr. Gaskell was not a good account, it was for the plaintiff to prove his case.

His Lordship said that there was, he understood, a contract between the parties, and it was for the plaintiff to go into the box and prove that he had carried out the contract to the best of his ability.

Mr. Mounsey opened by explaining that the period of Mr. Hall's management of the business of Messrs. G. R. Stevens and Co. extended from 1st April, 1898, to 31st December, 1898—twenty-one months in all. He proceeded to read letters that had passed between the parties—the contract was contained in those letters. The work was to occupy two months, working night and day, and Mr. Gaskell stipulated for a fee of \$1,000, \$500 before commencing and \$500 on completion.

In the course of one letter, Mr. Gaskell wrote that the books had been kept in a very careless manner, in another that the loss during the period of Mr. Hall's management was \$35,852.66 as compared with a loss of \$35,979.85 set out by Mr. O'Gourdin, who had previously gone into the books and accounts. Other statements were made in Mr. Gaskell's letters bearing upon the condition of certain accounts in the books.

William Henry Gaskell, accountant, then gave evidence in support of his claim. In accordance with a request from Mr. Stevens, and to oblige him, he prepared a special statement of the accounts of the steamer *Dogmar and Loyd*. They were included in the balance sheet already prepared by plaintiff. Particulars were given in the special statement. He also obtained from Mr. Hall particulars about a billiard-table account. He might have concluded his work by writing up the books from the materials supplied to him, but in order to make the work as complete as possible for Messrs. Stevens and Co. he agreed to go into the details with Mr. Stevens' son. The essential work he had to do was to draw up a balance sheet and a profit and loss account and to write up the books. At Mr. Stevens' request he also made out a detailed memo. of the House Account, showing an expenditure of \$4,000 odd. He also made out a special statement of T. L. Stevens' account to oblige Mr. Stevens.

In reply to a affidavit by Mr. Stevens, witness stated that the balance sheet was as complete as he could make it from the materials and vouchers supplied to him; that if it contained errors it was because of the absence of vouchers necessary for him to work upon; and that it carried out the arrangement he had entered into with defendant. He had done more, in fact, arranged for.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Hays. He did not expect to find Mr. Stevens' account in good order. Mr. Stevens had given him to understand that Mr. Hall had swindled him of \$30,000 or \$40,000. He could not tell until he went into the work whether he had sufficient material to write up the books. He took everything Mr. Stevens gave him, but now he had all repaired.

Did you consider you were justified in undertaking this work with the material you had before you and thereby earn the very handsome fee of \$1,000?—I naturally assumed that the material coming from a merchant's office in Hongkong would be full and sufficient material.

Supposing you had been informed, on reliable authority, that those books were not properly kept or written up, would you have refused to do the work?—No; it would not tell whether the books were properly kept until I had completed my work.

His Lordship—If the books had been properly kept, there would not have been very much necessary for calling in Mr. Gaskell.

Witness—I understood the reason why I was asked to write up the books was that Mr. Hall had swindled Mr. Stevens out of \$30,000 or \$40,000, and I was called in to find that out.

His Lordship (to Mr. Hays)—You don't allege that anything could have done better than Mr. Gaskell with the material supplied?

Mr. Hays—I do, my Lord.

Witness in reply to other questions said—I was recalled. He said that on the morning he was called off the Commander asked him if he saw Rice go into the Admiral's cabin, and he replied "Yes." Upon this Rice turned to him and said, "You did not see me go into the Admiral's cabin; you saw me go into the Admiral's pantry." He said he would not be certain, as he did not know whether the Admiral's pantry was on the starboard side or not.

The Commander told him he had better go down and make sure. He went down the ladder on the starboard side and looked for the Admiral's pantry. He saw the sentry and asked him which side was the Admiral's pantry.

When he told him it was the port side he (witness) turned and pointed to the door that Rice went into on the starboard side. He then went on deck to tell the Commander that he was positive that Rice went into the Admiral's cabin, as until then he did not know where the Admiral's pantry was.

A statement prepared for the defence was then read. In this statement the prisoner denied the charges brought against him, and contended that no satisfactory evidence had been brought forward to prove that he entered the Admiral's cabin while the Court of Enquiry was being held.

Edwin Windsor, coxswain of the Admiral's galley, said he was standing outside the Admiral's cabin with the witnessess of the Court of Enquiry on the day in question when Rice came to him for orders. He replied that he had not given his orders. Rice said the Flag Lieutenant had sent him to look for his servant. After that Rice went into the pantry and that was all he saw of him. Witness was standing outside the port door—between the door and the Judgment was reserved.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA JAPAN.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

TIENTIN AGAIN THREATENED.

Tientin, 1st January.

Unusually warm weather has prevailed here, for the past few days and the ice on the Peiho has melted.

150 Boxers appeared near the Naval Barracks at 9 o'clock last night and opened rifle fire. The Japanese troops who were on guard at the Administration Yamen narrowly escaped being ambushed on their way back to headquarters. They advanced to a point about 100 metres from the iron bridge, when they discovered a number of Boxers preparing to open fire on them from behind some temporary trenches. The Japanese fell back at once and returned to the Yamen. A search party was sent out immediately and they succeeded in capturing 70 Boxers.

The German troops in the Concession opened fire in the direction of the native town and the French troops camped outside the native town also opened fire on the native city. The disturbance lasted throughout the night. The Boxers declare they will surprise Tientin again before a month is over.—Asahi.

RAILWAY QUESTIONS.

Tientin, 1st January.

The railway between Shantakwan and Tangku will be opened to-day under German supervision.

PEKING, 1st January.

If the powers consent to the request made by Prince Ching for the suspension of hostile movements, it is intended to abolish the Head Staff Department of the Allies.

The railway between Peking and Tientin is to be handed over to the Head Staff Department of the Allies when all the hostile movements are abandoned, and then to Great Britain. Japan is making up an estimate for the outline of the section of railway now under control.

It is reported that Russia is strongly opposed to the transfer of the railway between Shantakwan and Yangtze to the Head Staff Department of the Allies.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT PEKING.

Peking, 2nd January.

Fair weather prevailed here on New Year's day. The customary Japanese pine decorations of branches of pine-trees, etc., were made in front of buildings where Japanese troops are housed; and a meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Fifth Division which was attended by the Japanese officers and principal Japanese residents.

Evidence for the prosecution having already been adduced, Mr. Grist, who appeared for the second defendant, proceeded to cross-examine the master of the shop, Wong Sin, who was placed in the witness-box. It was not the case, the latter said, that his *junks* assaulted the first defendant, and torn his blouse.

A cook in the employ of the last witness declared that the first defendant came into the shop, and picking up a roll of cloth, walked off with it. Witness called an inspector, and the first defendant was arrested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Grist, as soon as witness caught him when he picked up the cloth, the first defendant thrust out his arm, and in this way the blouse was torn.

In reply to the bench, witness said the second defendant arrested him, which act embodied the assault.

P. C. Bond said an Indian told him that a fight was going on in Wing On Lane. He went there, and saw a crowd of probably a hundred Chinese. Both defendants were there, the second in uniform. The latter, whose turban was off and his shoulder straps torn, complained to the witness that he had been assaulted by the Chinese. The first defendant had a similar complaint; his shirt was torn.

This was all the evidence, and Mr. Grist asked his worship to dismiss the case. There was absolutely no evidence to bear out the charge. The facts were that the first defendant had been assaulted by the four complainants, and had them arrested in consequence by the second defendant. Instead of proceeding on that charge, however, the police, wrongfully exercising this discretion in the matter, rejected it, and instead took up that of the complainants.

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In das heisige Handelsregister, Abtheilung A, ist heute unter No. 2 eingetragen worden, dass die Firma MELCHERS & CO. in Hongkong, deren Gesellschafter die Kamleute, HERMANN MELCHERS in Bremen, GUSTAV, ADOLF MELCHERS in Bremen, LAURENZ, HEINRICH, CARL JANTZEN in London, ADALBERT KORFF in Shanghai, ARMIN HAUPT in Hongkong, sind am 1. December 1899 in Swatow eine Zweigstelle eröffnet hat.

Swatow, 10. Januar 1901.
KAISERLICHES KONSULARGEWICHT. [230]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

UNTER No. 3 des Handelsregisters A, ist heute unter No. 2 eingetragen worden, dass die Firma E. WANDRES und als deren alleiniger Inhaber KAUFMANN FRIEDRICH WANDRES in Swatow eingetragen.

Swatow, 10. Januar 1901.

KAISERLICHES KONSULARGEWICHT. [231]

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

NOTICE.

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Kobe, 31st December, 1900. [235]

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MEMBERS of the ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB can obtain tickets of admission to the Flagship for themselves and their friends on application to Messrs. A. DENISON and C. H. GALE or the HON. SECRETARY on and after THURSDAY, the 17th inst.

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A launch will run between Kowloon Ferry Pier and the Flagship from 11.30 a.m. Hongkong, 16th January, 1901. [236]

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A. M. MARSHALL,

Acting Superintendent. Hongkong, 15th January, 1901. [240]

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(Sd.) BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [242]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 6.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Office of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 21st day of JANUARY, 1901, at 3 P.M., are published for general information. By Command.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th January, 1901. [243]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 21st day of JANUARY, 1901, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN for one further term of 75 years.

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A. LEVEY, Business Manager.

A. H. POLLARD, Manager. Hongkong, 15th January, 1901. [244]

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1901. [245]

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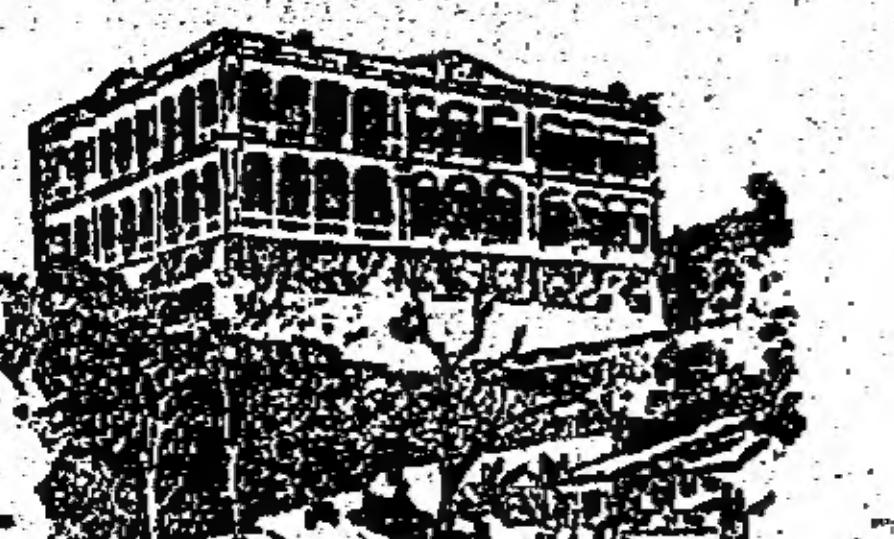
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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CHUSAN	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
LONDON	RHINEUS	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
LONDON	PHONETEUS	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Feb.
LONDON	ALCINOUS	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th Feb.
LONDON & MARSEILLES	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Brown	On or about 7th Feb.
LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	—	E. Prehn	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 18th inst.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	—	J. B. Macmillan	MELCHERS & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. S'PORE, &c.	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Dapels	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	MARCHE	Fren. str.	—		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIAM	Ger. str.	—		MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SANBIA	Ger. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILESIA	Ger. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 9th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBERIA	Ger. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 18th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FREIBURG	Ger. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 28th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 5th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	POLARSTERNEN	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	R. MORROW	Brit. ship.	—		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On 23rd inst., P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MARIA VALERIE	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 18th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	GOODWIN	Brit. str.	—		DOWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	IDZUMI MARU	Jap. str.	—		M. J. Curnow	On or about 15th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SKARPSNO	Nor. str.	—		T. M. STEVENSON & CO.	On 25th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ADATO	Brit. str.	—		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CITY OF R. DE JANEIRO	Brit. str.	—		PACIFIC MAIL S. CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	COPTIC	Brit. str.	—		O. & O. S. S. CO.	On 7th Feb., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—		TOYO KISEI KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KVARTEN	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TSUNAM	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst., at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	GUTHRIE	Brit. str.	—		GIB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MORAVIA	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	HIROSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—		MESSEGERIES MARITIMES	On 19th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CHANGSHA	Fren. str.	—		P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 17th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	LAOS	Ital. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KUIKIANG	Brit. str.	—		EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD.	On 19th inst., at 5 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	LYEEMOON	Brit. str.	—		P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CORONADEL	Brit. str.	—		MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-day, at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—		Douglas Lapeyre & CO.	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FORMORA	Brit. str.	—		ROBSON	On 20th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	THALES	Brit. str.	—		T. OGATA	On 23rd inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—		MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at 5 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	PERLA	Brit. str.	—			

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 14, ISLA DE LUZON, American gunboat, 1,400. J. V. B. Bleeker, Manila 12th January.
Jan. 14, BANCA, British steamer, 3,793. Babot, London 20th Nov. and Singapore 9th Jan., General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.
Jan. 15, CHIYUEN, American steamer, 1,172. Jimicun, Canton 14th January, General.—CHINESE.
Jan. 15, SABINE RICKMERS, British str., 690. Nasbet, Tamsui 12th Jan., Balust.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Jan. 15, SULTAN VAN LANGKUT, Dutch str., 1,334. Blomberg, Langkut 3rd Jan. and Singapore 7th. Oil.—MEYER & CO.
Jan. 15, TAIBANG, British str., 1,544. Wilde, Shanghai and Swatow 14th Jan., General.—JADEINE, MATTHEWS & CO.
Jan. 15, HENGCHI, British str., 1,385. Klopfen, Canton 16th Jan., General.—CHINESE.
Jan. 15, FORMOSA, British str., 674. A. E. Hodges, Famsui 13th Jan. and Amoy 14th, General.—DOUGLAS LAPEYRE & CO.
Jan. 15, BENALIEG, British str., 1,452. Kroble, Moji 10th Jan., Coal.—GIB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Jan. 15, KASUGA MARU, Jap. str., 3,000. E. W. Howell, Melbourne and Manila 13th Jan., General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Jan. 15, KRONBORG, Danish str., 2,205. Schulz, Moji 9th Jan., Coal.—MELCHERS & CO.
Jan. 15, TEARTOS, German str., 1,378. Dealer, Java 5th Jan., Sugar.—SIEMSEN & CO.
Jan. 15, Elise, German steamer, 900. Petersen, Canton 15th Jan., General.—SIEMSEN & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
15TH JANUARY.
Huchieh, British str., for Shanghai.
Huching, British str., for Swatow.
Tiansong, British str., for Canton.
Akashi Maru, Japanese str., for Kuchinotzu.
Kachidate Maru, Japitese str., for Kuchinotzu.
Skarpsno, Norwegian str., for Moji.
Astoria, British bark, for Portland (Oregon).
R. Morrow, British bark, for New York.
Clara, German str., for Haiphong.
Shanghai, British str., for Shanghai.
Kumang, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

JAN. 15, BENALIEG, British str., for Canton.
Jan. 15, LYEEMOON, German str., for Canton.
Jan. 15, KWELLIN, British str., for Shanghai.
Jan. 15, KUMBANG, British str., for Calcutta.
Jan. 15, SHANGHAI, British str., for Shanghai.
Jan. 15, BRITISH, British 4-m. bark, for Port Oregon.
Jan. 15, CLARA, German str., for Haiphong.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABEED DOCKS—Hausa.
KOWLOON DOCKS—H.M.S. Sandpiper, Piccola, S.M.S. Haase, Fedra, Hinung, Mogul, H.M.S. Barfleur, S.M.S. Lucia.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—U.S.S. Albany, Loy-al, Chawmian, Peiping.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Teiwing, from Shangha and Swatow 14th Jan., had moderate monsoon and dull, cloudy weather.

The British steamer Formosa, from Amoy 13th Jan. and Swatow 14th, had moderate monsoon with fine, clear weather throughout.

The Japanese steamer Kasuga Maru, from Melbourne and Manila 13th Jan., had moderate monsoon, fine weather and occasional rain squalls.

The British steamer Benalieg, from Moji 10th Jan., had strong westerly winds to Hieshien, from thence to port moderate monsoon and sea. Spoke str. Benvenue, off Chapel Island, steering north.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, FIUME AND TRIESTE. (Taking cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS)

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THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"AKASHI MARU."

Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the above ports to-day, the 16th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1901. [254]

FOR PORTLAND (ORE.) U.S.A.

Booking Cargo for SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. and OREGON, COMMON Points of the UNITED STATES by Connecting Railroads.

THE Norwegian First Class Steamer

"SKARPSNO."

Captain Tolleson, will be despatched on or about the 16th January, 1901.

For Freight or Passage, apply to T. M. STEVENS & CO., 4, Duldef Street, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [256]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAOS."

Captain Fladvin, will be despatched for the above ports on or about THURSDAY, the 17th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [257]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUSAN."

Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 19th January, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1891. [258]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"LYEEMOON."

Captain C. L. Daniel, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1901. [259]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"RHIPHEUS"		On 22nd Jan.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	Day	On 5th Feb.
LONDON	"ALCINOUS"	Pulford	On 19th Feb.
LIVERPOOL (Taking Cargo at London)	"ACHILLES"	Brown	About 18th Jun.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS O. S. S. CO.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

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AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

A T date to be fixed later on the Company's Steamship "MANCHE" Captain Dapelo, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for SAIGON.

This steamer will tranship her Cargo at Saigon to the n.s. Sodene, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails for Marseilles and Ports of Call.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 8 P.M. on the

(Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office,

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1901.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OREGON AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.IN CONNECTION WITH THE
OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION
COMPANY.PROPOSED SAILING FROM
HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (OR.)
AND SAN FRANCISCO,
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.TAKING CARGO TO JAPAN PORTS,
THE UNITED STATES, AND
CANADA.

THE Steamship

"ADATO."

2145. Captain J. McIntyre, will be despatched for PORTLAND (OR.) via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

To be followed by the Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"

to leave on or about 10th February next.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States and Canada.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be accepted at the Office of the Undersigned until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full.

Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to points beyond Portland (Or.), should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, Portland (Or.).

For further information as to Freight rates, &c., apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1901.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN PORTS AND
HONOLULU.THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "KVARVEN" A. On 23rd Jan.

THE Steamship "KVARVEN" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd January, 1901.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1901.

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WE HAVE OPENED A MACHINERY
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1900.

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At No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1899.

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T HE Twin-Screw Steamship

"AMERICA MARU"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO
VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONO-
LULU on THURSDAY, the 7th February,
1901, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers
for Japan, the United States, and Europe.Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
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their journey at any point en route.Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
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the United States or Canada. Rates may be
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Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Parcel Mail for Europe per s.s. *Chusan* will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 18th inst. The City of Rio de Janeiro, with the American Mail of the 14th ultimo, left Shanghai on Sunday, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. The Laos, with the French Mail of the 14th December, left Saigon on Monday, the 14th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 10th November. The *Cormandel*, with the English Mail of the 21st December, left Singapore on Saturday, the 12th ult., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 18th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 19th November. The *Coptic*, with the American Mail of the 22nd ult., left Yokohama on Friday, the 11th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 12th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	FROM	DAY AND HOUR.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kosuga Maru	Wednesday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.	Empress of China	Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.	Fornosa	Wednesday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Amigo	Wednesday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Hanoi	Thursday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin. (Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Thales	Friday, 18th, 8.00 A.M.
Moj, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., & Tacoma	Goodwin	Friday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Kukkiang	Friday, 18th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang	Hinsang	Saturday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin. (Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Chusan	Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Shanghai	Lymoon	Papers 10.30 A.M.
Weihaiwei and Kobe	Changshu	Letters 11.00 A.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne	Tsinan	Saturday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Perla	Saturday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	City of Rio de Janeiro	Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.	Karwon	Wednesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., noon.
Meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of Hongkong, 9 p.m.

Harmont's Circus, Race Course, 9 p.m.
Performance by the Pollard Opera Co., City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

TUESDAY, 15th January.	
ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer 2/04
Bank Bills, on demand 2/02	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2/04
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/13	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2/12
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand 2.591
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.655	
ON GERMANY.—	2.113
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand 503
Credits, 60 days' sight 513	
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer 1533
Bank, on demand 1541	
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer 1533
Bank, on demand 1541	
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight 723
Private, 30 days' sight 733	
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand 2. p.c. dis.
ON MANILA.—	On demand 1. p.c. dis.
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand 1. p.c. pm.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand 1234
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand 234
ON SAIGON.—	On demand 1. p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand 1. p.c. pm.
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 9.60	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 50	
BAB SILVER, per oz. 294	

OPTUM.

Quotations are:—Allow 10% net to 1 catty. Malwa New \$816 to \$820 per picul. Malwa Old \$830 to — " Malwa Older \$840 to — " P. P. Paper-wrapped \$850 to — " Persian fine quality \$870 to — " Persian extra fine — to — " Patna New \$870 to — per chest. Patna Old \$880 to — " Benares New \$880 to — " Benares Old — to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL. The M. M. steamer *Imao*, with 11 outward French mail, left Saigon on the 14th inst. at 6 a.m. for this port.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on the 13th inst. at 4 p.m.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 22nd ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 14th inst. via Inland Sea. Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 23rd ult.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 8th inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O. liner *Cormandel* left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst. at 5 p.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 18th inst., at about 8 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL. The Imperial German Mail steamer *Sachsen*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 24th ult., left Colombo on Friday, the 11th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on about Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

THE IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL STEAMER *Pruess* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, the 18th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 15th January.

STOCK.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	Paid Up.	Last Dividend.	CLOSING QUOTATION.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30- div. 31/11/00 =	\$125 p. c. pr. = \$724
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	100,075	\$88	\$88	None	London 201 100.
Do. Deferred	1,200	\$1	\$1	25 to	
National Bank of China, Ltd.	10,700 A	\$10	\$10	10 to 100	127, buyers
Do. Preferred	21,000 B	\$10	\$10	15 and 17 - \$120 for 100	124, buyers
Do. Founder's Share	700,425	\$1	\$1	None	123.
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Life Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$20	\$20	40 p. ct. = \$20 for 1800	325, sales & buyers
China Traders, Ltd.	24,000	\$88.33	\$20	10 oct. for year end 30/4/00 =	334.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$100	Int. T. 4.23 - 11/12/00 =	170, sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assn., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	Int. 8.62 - 21/12/00 =	310, sales & buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$20	\$20	\$12 for 1000	314, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$20	3 per cent. for 1800	31.
PIPE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$200	\$200	27 for 1803	330, sales
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$3 for 1893	333.
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton and Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$120 for half year ended 30/6/00 =	325, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	\$10	Int. 10.50 for 1800 =	310.
China & Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$30	\$30	20 per cent. for 1800	174, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$60	\$60	12 per cent. for year ending 31/12/00 =	334.
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 3 per cent. on a/c. of 1900	213, buyers
Limited, Preference	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 per cent. on a/c. of 1900	212, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 12 per cent. for 1806 = 12 p. ct. for year ended 30/6/00 =	167, buyers
Do. do.	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	234, 22, sellers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	27 for 1803	321.
Shantung Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	23 1/2 per cent. for 1800	224.
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of 321 per share on a/c. of 1900	417.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	400, buyers
MINING.					
Punjon Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$88	\$88	None	341, sellers
Do. Preference	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 per cent. on a/c. of 1900	312, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 per cent. on a/c. of 1900	313, buyers
Do. do.	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 per cent. for 1806 = 12 p. ct. for year ended 30/6/00 =	347, buyers
Great Eastern and Central Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	\$1	\$1	18 1/2 per cent. for 1800	344, 32, sellers
Oliver's Froehlich Mines, Limited	41,500	\$5	\$5	None	32.
B. 45,000	\$5	\$5	\$1	None	318, sellers
Great Eastern and Central Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	140,000	\$10	\$10	First year	6 cents.
Do. Preferences	70,000	\$1	\$1	43 cents, sales	
DOUGLAS, WILSONS, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	12,500	\$125	\$125	Spot & Premium bonus for years ended 30/3/00 =	335 p. o. pr. = \$356.25
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and G. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$50	\$50	Int. of 5 per cent. on account of 1800	301.
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.	2,600	\$100	\$87.4	Int. of 31 per cent. for 1800 = 25 p. ct. for 1800	324, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$62	\$62	32 per cent. for 1893	321.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	Int. \$3 on account 1900	324, sellers
Kowloon Land & B. Co.	6,000	\$50	\$50	31 for 1893	325, buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	Int. \$1.50 on acc't. 1900	350, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$30	\$30	10 p. ct. for half year ended 31/12/00 = 1000 =	324.
Oriental Hotel Co., Limited	7,000	\$60	\$60	First year	323.
Humphreys Eat & Fin. Co.	100,000	\$10	\$10	5 per cent. for 1800	314.
COTTON MILLS.					
Ewe Cotton, Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	Rs100	Rs100	31 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/00 =	Rs15.
International Cot. Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	Rs100	Rs100	3 p. ct. on account '93	Rs16.
Kuon-kung-mow Cotton Spin. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Rs100	Rs100	3 p. ct. on account '93	Rs15.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Ltd.	2,000	Rs100	Rs100	4 p. ct. for period ending 31/12/00 =	Rs15.
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